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What a wonderful week we have had at Dawpool, filled with opportunities for our children to learn, reflect and put our school vision into action!

This week, our collective worship has continued to explore our new school vision, with a particular focus on what it means to be **Committed**. We have been thinking about how being committed means much more than simply having good intentions. It means putting our words into action, recognising when others need our help and having the courage to make a difference. The children have reflected thoughtfully on how even the smallest acts of kindness can have a significant impact on someone else's life. We have been encouraging everyone to think about how they can use their own gifts and talents to help others, reminding ourselves that we all have something special to offer.

On Thursday, we came together for what was a truly special Harvest Service, made even more meaningful by the presence of Lisa from Charles Thompson's Mission (CTM).

Our school vision of being Rooted. Inspired. Committed. in God's love was at the heart of our Harvest celebrations this year. We reflected on how we can use the gifts and talents we have been given to help and serve others. This linked

beautifully with Lisa's inspiring talk about the incredible work of CTM in supporting people experiencing poverty and hardship in our local community.



There were some particularly moving moments during our service, and I wanted to share some very special words that Lisa said about Dawpool.

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She explained that she had felt quite emotional during her visit, describing how she could feel the presence of God working within our school. She was so impressed by the children and the way they came together in worship to speak, sing and pray. Lisa described Dawpool as a very special school with a strong and distinctive Christian character.

As Headteacher, hearing these words was incredibly humbling and made me feel immensely proud. We talk often about our vision and what it means to be Rooted, Inspired and Committed, but today was a beautiful reminder that these are not simply words. They are values that are lived out through our children, our staff and our whole school community. To hear someone from outside our school recognise this so genuinely was very special indeed.

Lisa also asked me to pass on her immense thanks for the incredible generosity of our families. Your donations to CTM will make a real difference to people who desperately need support. The food you have so kindly provided will be used to prepare breakfasts, Christmas meals and food hampers for individuals and families experiencing hardship.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and continued support. Our Harvest Service was such a lovely example of what it means to be a community that is not only rooted

in God's love and inspired by the example of Jesus, but also committed to putting that love into action.

"It is important we give food to homeless people. People are kind, giving up their time to help others." Seren B Y6

"The Ethos Group did really well leading the service." Lillia Y4

Our learning beyond the classroom has also been exciting this week! Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a ScottishPower Renewable Futures workshop, exploring renewable energy and the importance of creating a more sustainable future. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to think about the world around them and the part they can play in looking after our planet.

"I learned about different fossil fuels." Josh Y6

"Renewable energy is running out and we need to do something about it" Grace Y6

"I really enjoyed it and learned about loads of different jobs that I didn't know about." Matilde Y5

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Nantwich Museum to support their learning in history. The

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children had a fantastic time bringing their classroom learning to life and discovering more about the past. We were delighted to hear how beautifully they represented our school. They were perfect Dawpool ambassadors, and we couldn't be prouder of them!

"I really enjoyed the trip." Esme Y2

"I enjoyed being a firefighter. We enjoyed looking at the houses." Raphael Y2



We are excited to share that we are now on Instagram. Please follow us

@dawpool_ce_primary via the QR code to share all of the exciting things happening in our school community.



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I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week at our Parents' Evenings.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th October

3.30-4.30pm Multi Sports Cub

Tuesday 20th October

F2 Forest school

3.30-4.30pm Lego Club

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st October

Wonder Walk

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Parents' Evening

7pm FoDs Planning meeting & AGM

Thursday 22nd October

3.30-4.15pm Netball Club

Friday 23rd October

Crazy Hair Day



Monday- Lunchtime Chess Club

Tuesday- Lego Club

Wednesday KS2 chess club.

Cross-country lunchtime club Y4 5 & 6

Thursday- Netball Club



Next week it is the turn of F2 for Forest School.

Wonder Walk

This week we resumed our lunchtime Wonder Walk opportunities for 2026-27. Our first group of pupils headed out to Thurstaston Common to experience autumn and to help source items for our Harvest worship table in school. The children had a wonderful time identifying birds and numerous types of fungi.

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We talked about the nearby pumpkin patch and why people might choose to decorate their homes with pumpkins or lights at this time year as they celebrate different types of festivals depending on their beliefs.

Cross Country

On Monday evening 20 children from Years 4 - 6 participated in the final Cross Country race this term. Conditions for the race were perfect and the children faced a slightly hilly course of 1200m on Arrowe Park. For some pupils this was their first race and they showed such courage and determination as they ran. We had some brilliant individual performances with numerous top ten finishers who will now go on to represent Merseyside. Our boys team also managed to secure medals by finishing 6th place overall. We are so proud of each one of our runners and we look forward to resuming our training in February - ready for the races in March.

Save the dates below:

Monday 8 March 2027 – Birkenhead Park
Monday 22 March 2027 – Arrowe Park
Monday 19 April 2027 – Arrowe Park (Relay Race)

Family First

Please click on the link below if interested in seeing a copy of Family First, the UK's largest parenting title.

https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?d=family_first_issue_4_2026&u=sevenstarmedia



FoDS News

Friends of Dawpool School would like to say a huge thank you to The Enrichment Technology Company (ETC) in Ledsham for their amazing donation of £580 towards a collection of new curriculum books and 8 Visualisers. A Visualiser is a piece of technology that displays books, worksheets, objects or pupils' work onto a big screen or interactive whiteboard – helping teachers to demonstrate tasks, share examples and explain learning to all the children. The Visualisers will go into each of the 8

classrooms and will be used by all the children - from F1 all the way up to Year 6!

The curriculum books, varied in their subject matter, will enrich and enhance the school library, for all to access; helping to inspire our children to broaden and enjoy their reading.

This support will make a real difference to our children's learning experiences, helping us to support our teaching staff and provide much needed resources to support their progress in the classroom. We are incredibly grateful to ETC for their wonderful contribution, and we look forward to updating them about their funding in the coming months!

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Christmas Wreath Workshop – Wednesday 2nd December

Following such a successful workshop last year, we're delighted to bring it back for another festive evening! Come along with friends, enjoy some festive refreshments and create your own beautiful Christmas wreath.

Wednesday 2nd December, 7–9pm at School. £25 per person

Materials and guidance are included, so no experience is needed! You're welcome to bring extra foliage or decorations to personalise your wreath, plus secateurs if you have them.

Spaces are limited – book your place online using the link below:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-wreath-workshop>

Crazy Hair Day – Friday 23rd October

We're having a CRAZY HAIR DAY to kick start this year's FoDS fundraising!

Think wild colours, crazy braids, buns, bows & wacky wigs - the crazier the better!

Just £1 per child - please pay using the link below:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/crazy-hair-day>

Uniform to be worn as normal.

Can't wait to see your amazing creations!!

FoDS Planning Meeting & AGM

The first planning meeting of this school year will be on **Wednesday 21st October, 7pm** in school

Come along to hear about exciting event plans for the next few months, plus the annual AGM business.

A chance to share ideas, find out more, or get involved if you'd like to; new and existing faces are always welcome!

There's also an opportunity to help out as Secretary with meeting notes and minutes - this could even be a shared role. Any help would be really appreciated.

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Each year the committee has to be re-elected, so if you are interested in taking on a committee role, please get in touch or feel free to come along.

Look forward to seeing you there!



CRAZY HAIR DAY!

Friday 23rd October

Come to school with crazy hair!

Please wear your normal school uniform.

Hair inspiration



£1 per child

Pay online or bring cash on the day.



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



£ £25

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

7:00PM TO 9:00PM

DAWPOOL SCHOOL HALL

LIMITED SPACES

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

PROVIDED:

- BASE MATERIALS WITH LOTS OF CHOICE FOR FOLIAGE
- INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO ASSEMBLE THE WREATH
- BITS TO MAKE YOUR WREATH SPARKLY!
- OPTION TO LIGHT UP YOUR WREATH - ADDITIONAL £3 ON THE NIGHT.
- FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS.

PLEASE BRING:

- SECATEURS IF YOU HAVE THEM (POP A NAME LABEL ON)
- ANY FOLIAGE YOU WANT TO ADD TO THE STOCK
- ANY SPECIAL DECORATIONS YOU WANT TO ADD.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 18th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's 4.00pm Pop Up Church at St Chad's
Sunday 25th Oct Prisons Week	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion with Junior church at St Chads
Sunday 1st Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy communion at St Bartholomew's

For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:



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Dear All

This weekend we have our second PopUp Church. The theme will be Harvest. If you would like to bring a donation for Foodbank you are welcome to do so - but not a requirement. If you would like to bring a picnic tea for your family, you are again welcome to do so - several of us stayed and enjoyed eating together last month.

I also take this opportunity to remind you of our Pumpkin Party on Sat 31st October - please note the need to book so that we can plan and prepare enough activity materials.

God Bless

Revd Jane



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PUMPKIN PARTY

This is no trick! You're in for a treat!
Bring a pumpkin to carve and we'll have sweets to eat!

St Chad's Church
Saturday 31st October 2026
6.00 - 7.30 pm

FAMILY FUN PUMPKIN CRAFTS
TREATS AND A CAMPFIRE

FREE - but you must book your place.

Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin.

Please phone 648 8169 or e-mail office@thurstaston.org.uk by Fri. 23rd October to let us know you are coming.

No witches, wizards, ghouls or other scary costumes - Thank You!

I am a Jack O' Lantern
My lights will shine so bright
For I'm a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right

My nose is like the cross
On which our Saviour died
To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide

My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show
That Christians live in this house
And love their Saviour so!

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star
That shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from far

My colour, it is orange
Just like the big bright sun
That rose on Easter Day
Along with God's own Son

And so on Halloween
Let's set our pumpkins out
And tell the trick or treaters
What God's love is all about!

ENCHANTED AUTUMN

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Week Commencing Monday 26th October 2026

ACTIVITIES

- Autumn Crowns
- Woodland Masks
- Pine Cone Fairies
- Harvest Baskets
- Patchwork Pumpkins
- Chocolate Apples
- Autumn Wreaths
- Scarecrow Crafts
- Woodland Web Weaving

RATES & DISCOUNTS

Playscheme Places	Preschool Places
Reception - Year 6 £40	Ages vary per setting £68.50

20% off with: OCT26
For children in Reception to Year 6
Ends Sunday 18th October 2026

WHAT TO BRING

Packed lunch	Water bottle
Snacks	Suitable clothing

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PARTICIPATING VENUES

Bishop Wilson C of E Primary School (CH64 5SE) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 0-4 years)

Christleton Primary School (CH3 7AY) | Mon - Thurs
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Huntington Community Primary School (CH3 6EA) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 3-4 years)

Manor Primary School (CH43 7ZU) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 0-4 years)

Mendell Primary School (CH62 7HN) | Mon - Thurs
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Neston Primary School (CH64 9RE) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (7:40 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 0-4 years)

St John's Catholic Infants & Juniors (CH63 7LH) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St Peter's C of E Primary School (CH60 4SA) | Mon - Thurs
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 3-4 years)

Upton Heath C of E Primary School (CH2 1ED) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 0-4 years)

Whitby Heath Primary School (CH65 6RJ) | Mon - Fri
Playscheme (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) + Preschool (7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. | 2-4 years)

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